

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 583

By Lundberg

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mona Fulkerson,
Kingsport City Schools Grades 5-8 Teacher of
the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest-quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Mona Fulkerson is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fulkerson has been selected as the 2020–2021 Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, a most befitting honor that recognizes the positive influence she has on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a fifth-grade math teacher at Lincoln Elementary School, Mona Fulkerson is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a twenty-three-year veteran educator, Ms. Fulkerson has taught at Bristol City Schools and Sullivan County Schools in addition to her sixteen years with Kingsport City Schools, teaching third, fourth, and fifth grades; and

WHEREAS, Mona Fulkerson coached football and softball at Holston Valley Middle School and later coached softball and sponsored the Builder's Club at Robinson Middle School; and

WHEREAS, she received distinguished recognition for a STEM Lesson Plan and Presentation as a 2019 SciencElites participant and was invited to address the 2020 panel of participants; and

WHEREAS, Mona Fulkerson serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fulkerson truly epitomizes the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Mona Fulkerson on being chosen as the 2020–2021 Grades 5-8 Teacher of the Year for Kingsport City Schools, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.